Medical Council and Dental Council and also those which are unrecognised State-wise ; and

(c) what steps have been taken to eradicate this malpractice ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (c) As per information available with Medical Council of India, 25 Medical Colleges are charging capitation fee or enhance fee.

At present, there is no law enacted by the Central Govt. which regulates the fees which are to be charged by Medical and Dental institutions except those which are in the Government sector. The monitoring of institutions who may be levying enhanced fee is not being done by the Medical Council of India and recognition of medical colleges is given in relation to the standards and facilities maintained by them from the academic point of view.

Some State Governments have enacted a Legislation prohibiting the charging of capitation fees by educational institutions which law has to be enforced by them.

Bronchial Asthma genetic in origin

2124. MISS SALOJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that three Nagpur Scientists have found evidence that Bronchial Asthma, believed to be an allergy is genetic in origin, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 5th July, 1992 under the caption "Bronchial Asthma genetic in origin"; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) and (b) No Report of such a study was sent to thi Ministry. However, since lon- it is a recognised fact that bronchial asthma has an allergic basis and that it is known to run in families, and it has a genetic association.

अस्पतालों में मुर्दा घरों की दशा

2125. **श्री मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल** : क्या **स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को दिल्ली के अस्पतालों के मुर्दा घरों की खराब दशा और इनकी देखभाल में कमी होने की जानकारी है ;

(ख) पिछले तीन वर्षों में सरकार को इस संबंध में कितनी शिकायतें मिली हैं;

(ग) इस संबंध में सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ; और

(घ) मुर्दा घरों की दशा में सुधार करने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती डी. के. तारादेवी सिद्धार्थ) : (क) दिल्ली के अस्पतालों में मुर्दाघरों को उपयुक्त स्थिति में रखा जाता है और प्राधिकारियों द्वारा उपयुक्त ध्यान दिया जाता है।

(ख) सरकार को पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस संबंध में कोई शिकायत प्राप्त नहीं हुई है।

(ग) यह प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

(घ) केन्द्र सरकार और दिल्ली प्रशासन के विभिन्न अस्पतालों में मुर्दि-